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- I. To establish a Translation Panel of competent and highly qualified translators from Russian and other Slavonic languages into English; and to make available the services of the Institute and its Translation Panel to scientists, learned societies, government agencies and industry throughout the world on a non-profit making basis. The Institute shall charge its customers for these services on a co-operative cost-sharing plan.
- II. To encourage, co-ordinate and foster (by the holding of Symposia, for instance) the teaching of Russian at higher seats of learning; and to provide the teaching institutions with the necessary textbooks and tools of learning which will enable non-Russian speaking scientists to acquire quickly a working knowledge of Russian sufficient for them to read Russian scientific literature.
- III. To sponsor and foster research into the organisation of scientific information, mechanical systems for storing and retrieving information, and mechanical translation.
- IV. To assist and advise learned societies and professional bodies on their publication problems with a view to reducing the cost of printing and distribution of their publications in the interests of the wider and more efficient dissemination of scientific information.
- V. To translate and disseminate such of the scientific, technical and medical literature printed in Russian and other Slavonic languages, which, in the opinion of competent scientific advisors, will be of definite benefit and value to scientists not speaking these languages.
- VI. To establish and publish, with the assistance of the appropriate scientific institutions in the U.S.S.R. a series of monographs in the English language reviewing progress in broad areas of Soviet scientific activity.
- VII. A. To publish a journal devoted to reporting translation work done anywhere in the world from Russian and other Slavonic languages into English in the fields of science, technology and medicine in order to prevent duplication.
 - B. To serve as a forum in which Soviet and non-Russian speaking scientists will be able to discuss problems of common concern—both scientific and administrative.
 - C. To be a place where people engaged in the teaching of Russian to non-Russian speaking scientists can report on their experience and exchange information which will be of assistance to persons working in this field.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Pergamon Institute, a non-profit-making foundation, has recently been formed in New York, and is in course of formation in London, for the purpose of making available to English-speaking scientists, doctors and engineers from all countries that are Members of the United Nations, the results of scientific, technological and medical research and development in the Soviet Union and other countries in the Soviet orbit.

For the Aims and Purpose of the Institute see Attachment A.

Over a hundred scientists of international standing from many countries have given their support and will supervise the affairs of the Institute (see Attachment B for the list of scientists supporting the Institute).

The formation and purpose of the Institute was much influenced by last November's report to the United Kingdom Government by its Advisory Council on Scientific Policy, under the chairmanship of Sir Alexander Todd, F.R.S., which, among other things, analysed the position as follows: " ... There would of course be no problem if Russian were widely read, but our information is that only about 2 per cent. of our working scientists can read Russian, compared with 80 to 90 per cent. who read French, and 60 per cent. German. The first thing to be done, therefore, is to encourage the teaching of Russian as an important modern language in schools and universities The evidence suggests that there must be at least a thousand current Russian scientific and technical periodicals.* Apparently, over 14,000 scientific and technical books were published in Russian in 1954. But at present the British Museum is only receiving about 800 a year, the D.S.I.R. 300, and the 170 libraries referred to (above) have less than 1,000 Evidently therefore this country is only receiving a fraction of the output

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED 05-25063 -148 of Russian scientific and technical literature.... It is important that it should be easy to trace any available Russian scientific and technical literature and that the existence of such literature should be widely known. The normal way of achieving this is through scientific abstracts. But, while some Russian journals are already abstracted in Western countries, it seems clear that this service is uneven and inadequate. We therefore regard the development of an effective system of abstracts, or summaries, of Russian scientific and technical journals, as far as possible by expanding the existing services, as an urgent matter. A 'Literature Information Unit' might be necessary, to complement the work of the abstracting services by making known what exists, and where...... Careful consideration of the different aspects of the Russian problem is extremely urgent, if we are to keep abreast of this Russian literature, and also if we are to avoid the emergence of a number of partial and unsatisfactory solutions of the type which proves a barrier to subsequent progress."

* "... only about 370 different current periodicals are available in this country ..."

The following are the projects which have already been started or are being planned, and some of the services which are available:

- 1. It is planned to hold a Symposium in 1958 either in Washington or in London, sponsored by the Institute and several interested Universities, to examine to following problems:
 - a. How to assist with the establishment of extra curricula courses for the teaching of Russian in the science, medical and engineering faculties at higher seats of learning in the English-speaking world.
 - b. How to teach the reading of Russian scientific and technical texts to scientists and technologists in the minimum amount of time.
 - c. What tools of learning are required.
- 2. Discussions are taking place with the relevant authorities in the U.S.S.R. on the commissioning of a series of review volumes, with complete bibliographies, covering broad areas of Russian scientific, medical and technical progress for the period 1920-1956.
- 3. The Institute now publishes a number of selected Russian journals in complete translation:

Atomnaya Energiya (Atomic Energy)

* Problems of Virology

- * Problems of Hematology and Blood Transfusion

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Those journals marked with an asterisk are published by the Institute on the initiative and with the financial support of the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Public Health Service, The National Institutes of Health. The journal marked with a dagger is published in association with the National Geophysical Union with the financial support of the National Science Foundation.

The Institute is in negotiation with Government Departments, learned societies and industrial associations concerning the publication in translation of a further ten Russian journals in the fields of electronics, engineering and agriculture.

- 4. The Institute now provides a selection of significant papers from Russian medical and biological literature (other than those listed under Point 3 above) which are available to those interested, under the co-operative cost-sharing plan.
- 5. The following important Russian monographs and books are to be published in English in 1957, including the work of Academician A.N. Semenov, who recently shared the Nobel Award for chemistry with Sir Cyril Hinshelwood, and the classic course of theoretical physics by Academician Landau and his colleague, Professor Lifshitz. Academicians Semenov and Landau and Professor Lifshitz are co-operating with the Institute in bringing their books up to date, by adding a great deal of new and hitherto unpublished research results. It is noteworthy that other Soviet authors, whose monographs, books and articles are being translated by the Institute are also co-operating by bringing their work up to date, checking proofs, making available illustrations etc. This co-operation is most valuable for the work of the Institute. The books being translated are:

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Theoretical Astrophysics

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over a period of six months, and the charges to recipients of these papers will be made six months after the first request. In any case the maximum charge for these translations shall not exceed £1.10.0. (\$4.00) per thousand Russian words.

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 - 5. The Institute will undertake the complete translation of selected journals and books if suitably recommended by learned societies, Government departments or trade associations.
 - 6. The Institute can undertake, with the aid of its expert panel of translators, resident all over the world, translation work in all branches of science, technology and medicine from and into any language, including Chinese and Japanese.
 - 7. The Institute will make available to learned societies and individual scientists, doctors and engineers in the U.S.S.R. and the other Soviet orbit countries reciprocal services on the same non-profit making basis in return for their co-operation.

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mind, the volumes have been arranged, as far as possible, into subjects.' This type of arrangement has not been adopted in the present Dictionary for, as we have already said, the increasing compass of modern Physics has been accompanied by a corresponding unification within Physics and the subjects bordering on it. The result is that no worker can now afford to ignore other branches of Physics if he is to understand his own branch adequately. No attempt has been made, therefore, to segregate subjects in different volumes. Indeed the overlapping that would occur between such volumes would prohibit such a procedure; and the Dictionary has, in consequence, been arranged in a strictly alphabetical form. Nevertheless the order of words is such that, where possible, terms related to some main topic are listed together. For example the various types of nuclear reactor are listed as special examples of the term Nuclear reactor. Thus we have Nuclear reactor, breeder type; Nuclear reactor, thermal type; and so on. The principles followed are set out in more detail in the 'Notes for the reader' that will be found at the beginning of each volume.

It is to be expected that many of those who wish to consult the Dictionary will be busy people who will not have the time or inclination to read an exhaustive account of all the various aspects of a subject in order to find the topic of interest. Indeed, many of them, being anxious to clear up some one particular point, will be well acquainted with the bulk of the material that would be contained in such an account. On the other hand there will be others, less knowledgeable or with more time, who wish to become familiar with a subject in all its ramifications. In order to cater for both extremes, recourse has been had to a type of 'unit construction'. With a few exceptions no article is longer than 2,000 words, and many are much shorter. Each is self-contained, but, to permit the reader to follow a subject as far as he wishes, cross-references to related articles are appended where necessary (but not scattered throughout the text—a practice which is distracting and breaks the even flow of thought). Bibliographies are also provided to enable him to pursue his studies further.

No dictionary of physics has appeared in English since the Dictionary of Applied Physics edited by Sir RICHARD GLAZEBROOK, which was published in 1922-23. The appearance of the present Dictionary, then, would seem timely, although it may be as well to say at once that this work is in no way a modern version of 'Glazebrook'. Many fundamental advances in Physics have been made since 1922 and the impact, for example, of wave-mechanics and of modern developments of the quantum theory could not even have been foreseen at that time. With these advances has come, inevitably it would seem, an ever-growing tendency towards specialization. At the same time, modern physical ideas, paradoxically enough, have achieved a remarkable degree of unification, not only of Physics itself, but of many branches of Science that at one time might well have been considered to be almost unrelated. For example, we now take it for granted that Physics forms the basis of much of Chemistry and Metallurgy. Physics is also being applied more and more to the study of living matter. The present Dictionary aims, therefore, at covering not only Physics proper but also to a greater or lesser extent such subjects as Mathematics, Astronomy, Aerodynamics, Hydraulics, Geophysics, Metrology, Physical Metallurgy, Radiation Chemistry, Physical Chemistry, Structural Chemistry, Crystallography, Medical Physics, Biophysics, and Photography. It should be useful not only to physicists (and would-be physicists) but to those who are concerned with any of the many branches of Science mentioned or implied above, which have a physical basis.



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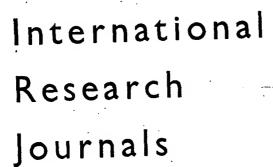
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